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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of NOËL MOREL entitled RUBBER ARTICLE WITH
A JUNCTION BETWEEN TWO RUBBER MIXES

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of prior application No. PCT/EP99/08179, filed October 28, 1999.

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- ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) **ENCLOSED**.
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